

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2005

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners' Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at the Chippewa County Courthouse in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. County Board Chairman Kay presiding in the absence of Finance Chair Timmer. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Earl Kay, Chairman, Ted Postula, Bernie LaJoie, Jim Moore and Don Cooper

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Scott Shackleton

OTHERS PRESENT: Under Sheriff Savoie, 911 Director McKee, Tina Ojala, Sue Short, Randy Pingatore, Shad Miller, Marilyn McDonald

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Chairman Kay called for additions or deletions to the agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner LaJoie, supported by Commissioner Moore to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion was carried.

Correspondence and Information Items:

The Committee received the monthly Treasurer's report, monthly travel report, household hazardous waste information, radon test results.

Travel Request

Chippewa County Health Department has received a grant which will require travel for training.

It was moved by Commissioner LaJoie, supported by Commissioner Postula to approve the travel request, at no expense to the county. On a voice vote, the motion was CARRIED, 4-1.

Homeland Security Grant

911 Director McKee presented two proposals for the expenditure of funds from our Homeland Security Grant allocation.

It was moved by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Postula to approve the expenditure of \$12,694.19 for the equipment identified in the Grant. On a voice vote, the motion was CARRIED.

It was moved by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Cooper to approve the purchase proposal for 800 MHz radio equipment at a cost of \$165,775.00. On a voice vote, the motion was CARRIED.

Director McKee presented the Title III, Michigan Department of Natural Resources funds. This year the projects identified will include Geographic Information System (GIS) software upgrades and mapping improvements for Chippewa County, in a project through Info Geographic, Inc. along with requests for assistance from the various townships.

It was moved by Commissioner LaJoie, supported by Commissioner Moore to approve the project as presented. On a voice vote, the motion was CARRIED.

Director McKee reviewed the Homeland Security Grant Awards and informed the committee that Chippewa County's total award for 2005 was \$518,563.00.

Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Amendment Application for FY 2005.

The Title IV-D Co-op Reimbursement has been adjusted by the State of Michigan. The amended amount is a decrease of \$2,152.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, supported by Commissioner LaJoie to accept the reduction in the contract with the Chairman's signature and to show a reduction in the department budget. On a voice vote the motion CARRIED.

Bid Summary for Workmen's Compensation

One proposal was received. John Katona, Agent for Accident Fund Ins. Company presented a bid of \$100,212.00, effective 6/1/05, with an estimated savings of \$10,000.00. Discussion followed. Randy Pingatore of Madigan/Pingatore was invited to explain his position. He presented the Commissioners with an agent agreement, asking that he be appointed agent for Chippewa County. He explained that his company was locked out of bidding because Mr. Katona was the agent of record for Chippewa County.

It was moved by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Cooper to authorize Madigan/Pingatore as agent of record for Chippewa County. On a voice vote motion CARRIED.

Animal Control for City of Sault Ste. Marie

A letter was received from Chief Murray, for the City of Sault Ste. Marie. The letter outlined the terms for the hiring of Chippewa County's animal control officer part-time.

It was moved by Commissioner LaJoie, supported by Commissioner Moore to accept the proposal for access to equipment while working for the City. The fee schedule for mileage to be 40.5 cents per mile, City would provide identification badge and a letter would be submitted to authorize Jennifer Schoenmann to perform Euthanasia in Chippewa County. On a voice vote motion CARRIED.

American Legion Request for AD.

Ira D. MacLachlan Post #3, will be hosting the Annual UP American Legion Convention to be held June 10th, 11th and 12th in Sault Ste. Marie. They are soliciting an ad for their convention booklet from the Commissioners.

It was moved by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner LaJoie to place a half page ad, at a cost of \$50.00 to be charged to the Commissioners flower fund. On a voice vote the motion CARRIED.

Prudential Deferred Compensation

Prudential representative Joe Hilliard has met with our employees and explained to them that Prudential will no longer carry a deferred compensation program for small groups. The County has approximately 17 employees in the program. They have been given the chance to roll over to Security Benefit Group.

It was moved by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner LaJoie, to have the necessary paperwork signed by the Chairman, to allow for this transfer. On a voice vote motion CARRIED.

Notice of Receiving Bids

Chippewa County is accepting bids for the sale of surplus vehicles.

It was moved by Commissioner LaJoie, supported by Commissioner Postula, to receive and award the bid on the Chevrolet Impala formerly used as a Sheriff Patrol vehicle. On a voice vote motion CARRIED.

New Boiler Water Feed

Bids were received for the new boiler water feed for the Annex Building.

It was moved by Commissioner Postula, supported by Commissioner LaJoie to award the low bid of \$1,914.00 to Baril Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Inc. for the purchase and installation of One Bell & Gossett Model 30VBFS-B boiler feed tank with pump and requited fittings. On a voice vote motion CARRIED.

Claims and Accounts

The monthly claims and accounts report were presented.

It was moved by Commissioner LaJoie, supported by Commissioner Postula, to recommend the approval of general fund claims totaling \$130,598.88, other fund claims of \$115,964.98, payroll of \$512,718.03 and Health Department Claims of \$418,544.83, total claims of \$1,177,826.72, vouchers 38154 through 38277 & D-1 through D-144. On a voice vote motion CARRIED.

Under Sheriff Savoie requested that an amendment be made regarding the purchase of the Transport Van, to delete the reference to the revenue increase associated with the purchase. Discussion followed, no was needed.

Under Sheriff Savoie reported that two federal inspectors had completed their inspection and gave the jail an outstanding review. They have requested a copy of the policy and procedure manual used by the Sheriff's department, to use as a model for other jails.

Chairman's Comments

Chairman Kay offered no additional comments.

Closed Session

It was moved by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner LaJoie to move to Closed Session regarding an ASCME Grievance. On a roll call vote, motion CARRIED.

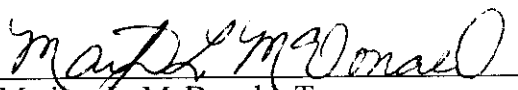
The Closed Session was declared adjourned.

It was moved by Commissioner LaJoie, supported by Commissioner Moore to return to open session, on a voice vote motion CARRIED.

Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Postula, supported by Commissioner LaJoie, to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Chairman Kay declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.


Marilyn L. McDonald, Treasurer

Earl Kay, Chairman